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FROM:

Thomas II. White

Director of Information Services

SUBJECT:

Revision of Executive Order 12065

REFERENCE:

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I have attached comments and suggested changes to the revised draft of Executive Order 12065. They are keyed to the pertinent sections, and suggested wording changes are underlined. Overall, the draft as amended would appear to satisfy the needs of the Agency concerning the protection of national security information. Please advise when the next meeting of the interagency working group is scheduled.

/s/ Thomas H. White

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Attachment: As stated

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  1-202. SECRET Authority for original classification of information
  as SECRET may be exercised only by such agency heads or officials as the
  President may designate by publication in the Federal Register, by officials to
  whom such authority is delegated in accordance with Section 1-204 and by officials
  who have Top Secret classification authority.
- 1-203. CONFIDENTIAL Authority for original classification of information as Confidential may be exercised only by such agency heads or officials as the President may designate by publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>, by officials to whom such authority is delegated in accordance with Section 1-204, and by officials who have Top Secret or Secret classification authority.
- 1-301(k). Section 5-404(a) does not exist. Presume Section 5-401(a) was intended.
- 1-303. Suggest this action end after "is presumed to cause damage to the national security." A new section 1-304 be established as follows:
  - 1-304. The classification status of information shall not be affected by any unofficial publication in the United States or abroad of identical or similar information.
- 1-401. Information shall be classified for as long as required by national security considerations. Procedures shall be developed by agencies to ensure the effectiveness and integrity of the classification system while eliminating the accumulation of classified information which no longer requires protection. Information should be considered for downgrading or declassification as soon as practicable based on the degree to which...
  - 1-502. Change "Sensitive/Secret" to "Secret/Sensitive."

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- 1-603. Line 7 Section 5-404(a) does not exist. Presume Section 5-401(a) was intended.
- 3-102. To the fullest extent practicable, information shall be declassified or downgraded by the official who authorized the original classification if that official is still serving in the same position, or by the original classifier's officially authorized successor. Declassification and downgrading authority also may be exercised by a supervisory official of the original classifier or successor, or by officials designated to exercise such authority by a senior agency official designated pursuant to Section 5-401(a).
- 3-202. Add...in an agency which has ceased to exist and for which there is no successor agency, each agency...
- 3-302. End this section on line 6 at intelligence sources and methods. New section 3-303 should begin with: "Guidelines issued pursuant to sections 3-301 or 3-302 will be used by the Archivist of the United States and, upon approval of the issuing authority, any agency having custody of the information.
- 4-103. Classified information shall not be disseminated outside the Executive Branch except under conditions ensuring that the information will be given...
- 4-104. Suggest the previous revision 4-406 in the 28 April 1981 draft be used rather than this revision.
- 4-302. Add as subsection (c) the wording contained in E.O. 12065, Section 4-302(c).
  - 6-1. Original classification and Derivative Classification should be defined.